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Timothy Crimmins
Director of Business Development
Stonington Behavioral Health, Inc., d/b/a Stonington Institute
234A Bank Street, 5th Floor
New London, CT 06320

RE: CON Determination 04-30414-DTR
Stonington Institute
Clinic Relocations

Dear Mr. Crimmins:

On December 21, 2004, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received Certificate of Need Determination form from Stonington Behavioral Health, Inc. ("Petitioner") for the relocation of clinics by Stonington Institute. On December 22, 2004, OHCA received your responses to the completeness letter facsimiled to your office on December 21, 2004.

Please be advised that OHCA reviewed the documents provided and made the following findings:

1. Stonington Institute is a for-profit substance abuse facility licensed by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health to provide for the care or treatment of substance abusive or dependent persons.
2. Stonington Institute's primary service area consists of the towns within New London County:

Bozrah	Ledyard	Preston
Colchester	Lisbon	Salem
East Lyme	Lyme	Sprague
Franklin	Montville	Stonington
Griswold	New London	Waterford
Groton	North Stonington	Voluntown
Lebanon	Norwich	

3. Stonington Institute's secondary service area consists of the remaining towns within Connecticut.
4. Stonington Institute proposes to relocate two programs due to the needs of the staff and the patients: the Day and Evening Treatment Program, located at 428 Long Hill Road in Groton; and the outpatient services program located at 83 Boston Post Road in Waterford.
5. Currently, there are 152 patients enrolled in the Day Treatment program and 43 patients enrolled in the outpatient services program.
6. The facility located at 428 Long Hill Road in Groton is licensed to provide outpatient treatment and adult day and evening treatment. The Long Hill Road facility is a two-story building with approximately 7,700 square feet of space. Due to its size and configuration, the site is no longer suitable to accommodate the needs of the staff and patients of both programs.
7. The Petitioner proposes to relocate the Day and Evening Treatment Program and license to 86 Boston Post Road in Waterford. The 86 Boston Post Road facility is a one-story building with approximately 7,400 square feet of space. Moving from Groton to 86 Boston Post Road, Waterford will allow adult patients access to a fully handicapped-accessible service location.
8. The facility located at 83 Boston Post Road in Waterford is licensed to provide outpatient treatment. It currently houses the Stonington Institute School. The facility is a one-story building with approximately 3,000 square feet of space. Due to its small size, the site is no longer suitable to accommodate the needs of staff and students. Moving from Waterford to 428 Long Hill Road, Groton will significantly increase the space available for current operations and provide for additional confidential consultation rooms.
9. The 83 Boston Post Road facility will no longer be utilized by Stonington for its treatment programs.
10. All patients are currently offered, and utilize, transportation services to and from treatment by the Stonington Institute Transportation Department. In addition, the Groton facility is located on a public bus route.
11. The proposal will not impact facility fees, current or target populations to be served, the service providers, or the service payors.
12. The total capital expenditure associated with this proposal is \$137,866 and is solely related to the furniture, telephone system, and information technology set-up costs for the relocation of the day treatment program to the 86 Boston Post Road site. There is no associate capital expenditure attributable to the relocation from 83 Boston Post Road, Waterford, to 428 Long Hill Road, Groton.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that the relocation of the two services will not change the areas served by the programs, the licensing categories of the program, or any aspects of program delivery. In addition, the capital expenditure to be incurred as a result of the relocations will be less than the statutory limit of \$1,000,000. Therefore, Certificate of Need approval from OHCA is not required for Stonington Behavioral Health, Inc. d/b/a Stonington Institute to proceed with its proposal to relocate the two services.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Laurie Greci at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

c: Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR

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